IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE OF THE)	
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE)	
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED)	
PEOPLE, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	No. 3:20-cv-01039
)	
V.)	Judge Richardson
)	Magistrate Judge Frensley
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WILLIAM LEE, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF DEFENDANTS HARGETT AND GOINS REGARDING PASSAGE OF NEW RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Defendants Hargett and Goins hereby give notice to this Court regarding the passage of legislation concerning the restoration of voting rights in Tennessee.

As of April 15, 2025, the Tennessee General Assembly passed House Bill 0445/Senate Bill 0407 ("Bill"), which significantly affects the justiciability of the claims in Plaintiffs' First Amendment Complaint. *See* Tennessee General Assembly HB0445/SB407 Bill Information, https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB0407&GA=114. Among other things, the Bill repeals the certificate of restoration process codified in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 40-29-201 through -205, establishes a new judicial process for restoring voting rights in Tennessee, and automatically restores the voting rights of persons with certain felony convictions prior to 1973. The Bill becomes effective upon signing by the Speakers and the Governor. *See id*.

This legislation's enactment raises significant issues as to the continued justiciability of Plaintiffs' claims in the First Amendment Complaint above and beyond the existing issue of Plaintiffs' standing. (*See* Am. Compl., D.E. 102, PageID# 648-57). Defendants anticipate filing an appropriate motion addressing these issues upon the Bill becoming effective.

Respectfully submitted,

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